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SUBJ: EXCHANGE RATE OF TURKISH LIRA READJUSTED

1. THE OFFICIAL RATE OF EXCHANGE FOR THE TURKISH LIRA WITH RESPECT TO THE AMERICAN DOLLAR AND SEVERAL MAJOR EUROPEAN CURRENCIES WAS RE-ADJUSTED ON MARCH 15. THE LIRA WAS IN EFFECT DEVALUED BY 3.3 PERCENT WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE US DOLLAR AND THE GERMAN MARK. THE CHANGES WERE FROM TL 15 PER \$1 TO TL 15.50 PER \$1 AND FROM TL 5.95 PER 1 DM TO TL 6.15 PER 1 DM. CHANGES IN THE VALUE OF THE TURKISH LIRA WITH RESPECT TO OTHER CURRENCIES ARE AS FOLLOWS: SIWSS FRANC, TL DOWN 9.3 PERCENT; FRENCH FRANC, TL UP 2.3 PERCENT; AND STERLING, TL UP 6.4 PERCENT.

COMMENT: THE LAST ADJUSTMENT OF THE LIRA AGAINST THE DOLLAR TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 28, 1975 WHEN THE LIRA FELL FROM TL 14.75 EQUAL \$1 TO TL 15 EQUAL \$1. TALK OF PENDING DEVALUATION HAS BEEN PREVALENT SINCE NOVEMBER, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS INSISTED THAT NO MAJOR DEVALUATION IS NECESSARY. ON MARCH 12, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AGAIN STATED THAT THE TURKISH LIRA WOULD NOT BE DEVALUED, BUT ADDED THAT ADJUSTMENTS OF 25 TO 50 KURUS WOULD BE MADE FROM TIME TO TIME TO COMPENSATE FOR CHANGES OF EXCHANGE RATES ON INTERNATIONAL MARKETS. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SPECULATION RECENTLY THAT IT MAY BE

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NECESSARY TO RAISE THE RATE OF EXCHANGE ON GERMAN MARKS TO ATTRACT

MORE WORKER REMITTANCESWHICH HAVE FALLEN OFF DRASTICALLY
SO FAR IN 1976. THIS LATEST ADJUSTMENT AGAINST THE MARK MAY BE TOO
SMALL TO INDUCE TURKISH MIGRANT WORKERS TO INCREASE THE FLOW
OF REMITTANCES. HOWEVER, ON THE OTHER HAND, THE
PRIME MINISTER'S RECENT STATEMENT COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT THE
GOT HAS ADJUSTED EXCHANGE RATE VIS-A-VIS MARK MAY BE SUFFICIENT
TO PUT TO REST FOR AWHILE THE EXPECTATION OF A SUBSTANTIAL DEVALUA-
TION OF THE TURKISH LIRA WITH RESPECT TO THAT CURRENCY.
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